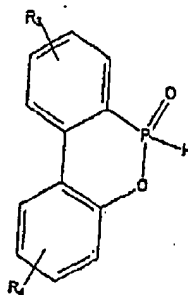


IN THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) A process for preparing 6-alkoxy-(6H)-dibenzo [c,e][1,2] oxaphosphorins, wherein 6H-dibenzo [c,e][1,2] oxaphosphorin 6-oxides of the formula I



where R3, R4 = alkyl, alkoxy, alkylthio, alkenyl, alkynyl, aryl, heteroaryl, cycloalkyl groups are used as the reactant-

- ~~2. The process as claimed in claim 1, characterized in that wherein the preparation is effected in , further comprising, carrying out the following steps:~~

- 1) providing at least one solvent,
- 2) adding the reactant
3. adding an ortho ester and
4. adding alcohol if it has not already been used under stage 1).

2. (Cancelled)

2³. (Previously Presented) The process as claimed in claim 1, wherein the solvent used is an alcohol or alcohol-containing mixture.

3⁴. (Previously Presented) The process as claimed in claim ²~~1~~, wherein alcohols of the formula R_2OH are used where R_2 is alkyl.

4⁵. (Previously Presented) The process as claimed in claim 1, wherein the reaction is carried out in the presence of a compound capable of ester formation with 6H-dibenzo [c,e][1,2] oxaphosphorin 6-oxides.

5⁶. (Previously Presented) The process as claimed in claim 1, wherein the reaction is carried out in the presence of a trialkyl orthoformate.

6⁷. (Previously Presented) The process as claimed in claim ⁵~~4~~, wherein the reaction is carried out in the presence of trimethyl or triethyl orthoformate.

- 7~~8~~. (Previously Presented) The process as claimed in claim 1,
wherein it is carried out in the presence of catalysts.
- 8~~8~~. (Previously Presented) The process as claimed in claim ⁷~~8~~,
wherein the catalysts used are Lewis acids or Brønsted acids.
- 9~~10~~. (Previously Presented) The process as claimed in claim ⁸~~9~~,
wherein the acids used are proton donors.
- 10~~11~~. (Previously Presented) The process as claimed in claim ⁹~~10~~,
wherein the acids used are hydrogen halides.
- 11~~12~~. (Previously Presented) The process as claimed in claim 1,
wherein the excess alcohol is removed and the catalyst is
simultaneously recycled.